



## **BAR NOTICE**

The E-Government Act of 2002 (Pub. L. No. 107-347), enacted on December 17, 2002, contained provisions on privacy and electronic case filing which require us to modify our procedures regarding access to the electronic documents of the United States District Court, Western District of North Carolina.

Effective April 16, 2003, ALL documents filed with the U.S. District Court since January 1, 1999, and forward will be available to the public in an electronic format. The only exceptions to this policy as provided by the Act are Social Security cases and all sealed documents or cases. Counsel are reminded that they may file a redacted pleading of any document which would not contain any personal data identifiers such as Social Security numbers, birth dates, financial account numbers and names of minor children. The Act does require that an unredacted copy of the pleading be filed with the court, and this unredacted copy WILL NOT be scanned into the court's electronic document database which is available to the public.

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